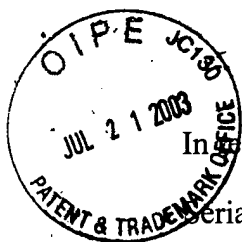


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In Application of: Bruford et al
Serial No. 10/604,075
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REQUEST TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.48

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that Messrs. Duane A. Koehler and Glen VanGelderen be added to the above application. This error arose without any deceptive intention on the part of either the originally named inventors or Messrs. Koehler and Van Gelderen.

Enclosed together with this Request is a duly signed Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by the correct inventors.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i), this Request to Correct Inventorship is being filed together with a Fee Transmittal for \$130.00.

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